

198-200 Saratoga Street (House and Commercial
Building)
Cohoes
Albany County
New York

HABS No. NY-6027

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New York	COUNTY Albany	TOWN OR VICINITY Cohoes
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 198-200 Saratoga Street (House and Commercial Building)		HABS NO. NY-6027
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 198-200 Saratoga Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1860 (Structural Inventory)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The wood and glass storefront of 200 Saratoga St. appears to be wholly intact, a rare survivor in this urban area. The commercial building is also significant as part of a multi-use building complex unusual in this region. The residence and store are connected to enclose a delivery yard. This arrangement is common in Europe, but unusual here.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular		(see continuation sheet)
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame with light members, stone and brick foundation		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See floor plan		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The building consists of two gable-fronted frame buildings joined by a second-story hyphen which bridges a driveway. Both buildings are simple gable-roofed structures three bays in width and two stories high. The southern building exhibits a nineteenth century storefront cornice. The rear of this building exhibits irregularities in plan and roof.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) (see continuation sheet) No interior features of note are associated with this building.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES As no information is on file with City of Cohoes building inspector, the date of construction for the back of the south building cannot be determined.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Poor, paint deteriorated. Multi-family income property.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Cohoes city directories dating from 1875 to 1949 indicate that the structure at 200 Saratoga Street was used as a retail grocery store/residence from 1891 to 1949. It is noted that the structure at 198 Saratoga Street was used as a residence from 1928 on. Prior to the dates mentioned, no information is available on the uses of the properties.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) (see continuation sheet) Visual assessment; maps as noted above. Documentation for this structure was prepared by the New York State Museum, Division of Historical and Anthropological Services in compliance with Executive Order 11593 Section 2(c).		
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM
CONTINUATION SHEET

SIGNIFICANCE

where public alleyways usually provide access to rear yards.

The structure appears on the 1925 Sanborn map, the 1892 USGS map, the 1879 Galt & Hoy map, and the 1866 Beers map.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

form which probably reflect a series of rear additions, but the dates of such alteration are unknown. The northern building is a simple rectangle with an unembellished facade; entrance is via the driveway (south) side. The bridge which joins these buildings is also three bays in width, but is flat-roofed and exhibits an elaborate bracketed cornice with applied moldings on the frieze.

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

The chain of title to land on which 198-200 Saratoga Street stands was found in the Office of the County Clerk, Albany County Courthouse, Albany, New York. There was no mention of buildings in the deeds until 1972 when the City of Cohoes sold the property to Samuel L. Ouiment. The two subsequent transactions also mention the existence of buildings on the property.

Original and subsequent owners: References to the chain of title to the land upon which the structures stand are in the Office of the County Clerk, Albany County Court House, Albany, New York.

- 1858 Deed, February 28, 1858, recorded in Liber 154 page 295.
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer to Cornelius G. Van Rensselaer.
Deed only cites land area.

- 1879 Deed, April 11, 1879, recorded in Liber 317, page 323.
Catherine W. Van Rensselaer (wife of Cornelius G.) to
Charles F. Doyle and George H. Fitts.
Deed only cites land area.

- 1891 Deed, March 18, 1891, recorded in Liber 424, page 163.
Charles F. Doyle to Philomene Bouchard.
Deed only cites land area.

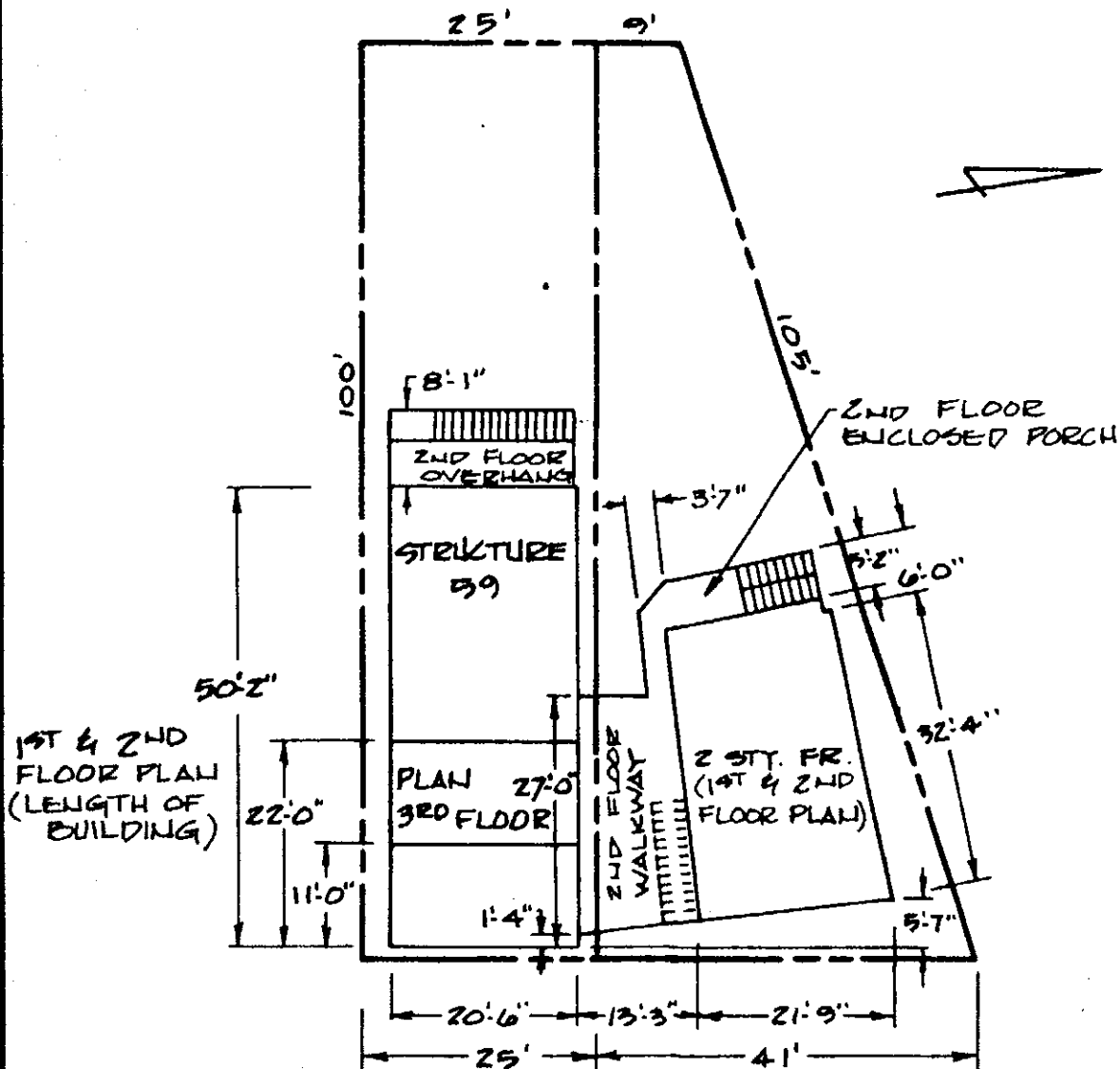
- 1927 Deed, November 7, 1927, recorded in Liber 801, page 28.
Philomene Bouchard to Maggi Michalszyn.
Deed only cites land area.

- 1971 Deed, February 8, 1971, recorded in Liber 2025, page 447.
William C. Corbett, Treasurer of Cohoes to City of Cohoes.
Deed only cites land area.

- 1972 Deed, February 24, 1972, recorded in Liber 2043, page 51.
City of Cohoes to Samuel L. Ouimet.
Includes land and "building situate thereon".

- 1972 Deed, March 22, 1972, recorded in Liber 2043, page 73.
Samuel L. Ouimet to Saman Realty Corporation.
This deed mentions land and "buildings situate thereon".

- 1973 Deed, April 19, 1973, recorded in Liber 2062, page 793.
Saman Realty Corporation to John W. Tomaro, Jr., and Linda A. Tomaro.
This deed includes land and "buildings situate thereon".



SCALE. 1" = 20'



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